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FAILURE OF WLL IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages in Bolangir district in Orissa remain unconnected by telephone facility due to the failure of the WLL system whereas they are being shown as connected in the records;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to review the data and correct it; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide proper telephone facilities to unconnected villages in the said district?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The connectivity through WLL system is working satisfactorily as fault rate of WLL connections in Bolangir District is only about 1%. In addition, out of 1761 villages in Dolangir District, 169 villages have been provided services with Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) as on 31.7.2003 . In total 1647 villages have been provided with telephone facility and only 114 villages are un-connected.

(c) The above said information regarding connected and unconnected villages is correct.

(d) The remaining 114 unconnected villages are planned to be covered progressively with satellite systems, subject to availability of funds.